

**MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL**  
**February 5, 2007**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 20 North 6th Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

President Weast-Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag of our Country.

The following members were:

Present: Heide, Klinker, Meyer, Campbell, Brown, Rhoda, Smith, Weast-Williamson  
Absent: Probasco

The City Clerk stated that there was a quorum present.

City Clerk Cindy Murray and City Attorney Ed Chosnek were present.

Councilman Campbell moved to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2007 regular meeting, Councilman Brown seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk stated that there were no Claims, Petitions or Communications.

The Clerk stated that the following reports are available in the Clerk's Office:

Clerks Office Monthly - December 2006  
Water Pollution Control Monthly – December 2006  
Water Works Plant Monthly – December 2006  
Motor Vehicle Fleet Maintenance Monthly - December 2006  
Police Department Monthly – December 2006  
Police Traffic Department Monthly – October, November, December 2006  
Police Traffic Department Annual Report - 2006

**There are no Ordinances for Second Reading.**

**Ordinances for First Reading:**

The Clerk read Ordinance 2007-02 (An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, to Rezone Certain Real Estate, from PDRS to R3 Main Source Bank Crawfordsville, Petitioner, Twyckenham Blvd.) by title only on first and final reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Smith seconded. Ed Chosnek, City Attorney, informed Council the Clerks office has received a written request from the petitioner's attorney requesting this Ordinance be tabled until time certain March 5, 2007 so they may take into consideration withdrawing the Ordinance. Councilman Campbell moved to table Ordinance 2007-02 until time certain March 5, 2007, Councilman Rhoda seconded. The motion to table the Ordinance 2007-02 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2007-03 (An Ordinance adding Chapter to Title 13 of The Lafayette Municipal Code Buildings and Construction –Graffiti) by title only on first reading. Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Brown seconded. Don Roush, Police Chief, spoke briefly on behalf of the ordinance, stating the proposal is intended to assist the Police Department along with the community at large with graffiti issues and its negative effects on the City. Chief Roush stated public safety, neighborhood blight and lower property values were reasons for graffiti eradication in a community. This proposal will allow for graffiti removal in a timely manner. Mayor Roswarski requested a moment to address comments brought about by Council members from citizen concerns regarding graffiti removal. Mayor Roswarski stated graffiti left unabated in a community is not a positive action and steps need to be taken to avoid it. This proposal is one piece in an abatement program. Mayor Roswarski spoke of the "spirit of the proposal" and its intent. Mayor Roswarski stated he was open to questions and actions by Council should they decide to table the proposal or refer it to a Committee for further discussion and public education. Discussion ensued by Council regarding the future of the proposal. Mr. Chosnek spoke briefly regarding amending the proposal. Discussion continued by Council. Councilman Campbell moved to table Ordinance 2007-

03 until time certain, March 5, 2007. Councilman Klinker seconded. The motion to table the Ordinance 2007-03 until time certain passed 5-2 on a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Heide, Klinker, Meyer, Rhoda, Smith

Nays: Campbell, Brown

Mayor Roswarski inquired if Ordinance 2007-03 would be referred to the Ordinance Committee for further review.

President Weast-Williamson stated Ordinance 2007-03 would be assigned to the Ordinance Committee and referred to Councilman Meyer, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, to schedule a meeting prior to the March 5, 2007 Council meeting.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2007-04 (An Ordinance to Amend Section 3.01.090 of The Lafayette Municipal Code) by title only on first reading. Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Smith seconded. Jim Morrow, Fire Chief, stated the change would allow uniformed inspectors to be replaced with civilian code inspectors, so the uniformed firefighter could return to active firefighting duties which will increase the uniformed division with zero effect on the fire department budget. Councilman Campbell questioned the training for these civilians. Chief Morrow responded that state certification is required for civilian inspectors. Ordinance 2007-04 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on first reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2007-05 (An Ordinance to Amend Amended Ordinance 2006-05, An Ordinance fixing the Salaries of the Appointed Officers and employees of the City of Lafayette, Indiana, for the Year 2007, Excluding the Sworn Protective Occupation and Law Enforcement Members of the Police and Fire Departments) by title only on first reading. Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Brown seconded. Chief Morrow stated the amendment was to establish a classification and salaries for the civilian inspector position which will be a PAT III. Councilman Meyer questioned the range of pay for a PAT III. Chief Morrow responded the starting salary is approximately thirty seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) annually; he did not have the exact salaries with him. Ordinance 2007-05 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on first reading.

#### **Resolutions:**

The Clerk read Resolution 2007-03 (A Resolution Supporting the Application for Preserve America Community Designation) by title only on first and final reading. Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Heide seconded. Dennis Carson, Redevelopment Director spoke on behalf of the proposal, stating it is part of an application to the Federal Historic Preservation; which if granted to the Community would allow the City of Lafayette and some of the not for profit organizations to apply for federal matching funds to further historic preservation activities and cultural tourism. Mr. Carson respectfully requested council approval. Resolution 2007-03 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

#### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

President Weast-Williamson stated all committee assignments would remain the same for 2007.

#### **Report by the Mayor:**

Mayor Roswarski presented his State of the City as follows:

It is with great pleasure and humility that I address the citizens of Lafayette and you the City Council for our State of the City Address as we begin to write the next chapter in the history of Lafayette.

2006 was a tremendous year for the City of Lafayette because of the efforts of our dedicated department heads, staff, labor and business leaders, government partners, and most of all, our citizens. The spirit of cooperation is second to none. The relationship between government and its citizens has reached a new level.

We have worked diligently to establish and make the most of public/private partnerships. We are striving everyday to enhance collaboration, build relationships, and create synergies to move our community forward.

We have tackled tough challenges and made difficult decisions. We have addressed issues with an unfailing can do spirit. We have faced difficult financial challenges, but we have faced them with an unwavering commitment of service to our citizens. We have strategically prioritized our needs and resources. We have streamlined our processes, completed more tasks in house, and where absolutely necessary eliminated positions. We have found new ways to use technology to make us more efficient. Departments now share more responsibilities and many positions have been combined. We have worked to keep taxes low and ensure the most responsible use of our revenues. I am proud to say we have actually increased service, using less people, and less money.

One of the strengths of a community lies in its ability to stimulate economic development and create an environment for the infusion of capital to build wealth for a community and its citizens. 2006 and its success is the result of all of us working together. We have created a strong business climate, and people around the world know that Lafayette means business.

In March of 2006, Toyota Motors Corporation of North America chose Lafayette and our Subaru Automotive of Indiana plant for a \$230 million investment to build 100,000 Toyota Camry's annually. The community received international attention as this partnership that will result in 1,000 new high-paying jobs with good benefits unfolded. This partnership and the new jobs created will have a ripple effect throughout our community. Already new suppliers are locating and expanding here such as Toyota Tsusho and many others are looking to locate in and around the area. The 1,000 new jobs will create and support thousands of more jobs from the new suppliers to restaurants, retail, and many others. I would like to thank not only Toyota, but also all of the employees of SIA and in particular Tom Easterday that made this happen. I would also like to thank our local business leaders and the Lafayette-West Lafayette Development Corporation.

Many around the country recognized the teamwork that went into landing Toyota production at Lafayette's Subaru of Indiana Automotive. Lafayette and our team was recognized by experts in the field of economic development and site selection with a 2006 High Honors Award from Business Facilities magazine as part of its Economic Development Deal of the Year or EDDY Award. Dubbed "Teamwork Has Lafayette Clicking on all Cylinders," the project received one of the seven highest awards bestowed out of only 11 given nationwide.

Other companies have looked to Lafayette as a great place to locate and expand as well. Since 1977, Caterpillar has been an invaluable asset to our community and this win-win partnership continues today. We were fortunate that senior management from Caterpillar's headquarters in Peoria, Illinois choose Lafayette over their numerous other plants to launch their new large platform engine. With an investment of more than \$170 million dollars in this new engine platform, Caterpillar will continue to meet the growing needs of its global customers. In February 2006, the first new engine was unveiled at the Lafayette plant. What a tremendous day for Caterpillar and an important step into the future for the City of Lafayette. Caterpillar has exceeded their original pledge of at least 52 new jobs with 173 new hires to date. Today, more than 1,600 are now employed.

We are constantly reminded that we compete in a global marketplace, and together, I believe that we are. The Tate & Lyle North plant is investing nearly 100 million dollars to significantly increase their capacity to remain competitive in order to retain more than 240 jobs. This investment will also include environmental controls that will reduce emissions and help address long-standing issues related to odor. Through our Economic Development Commission, at no cost to the City or its citizens, we were able able to help facilitate financing of nearly \$25 million to make this project a reality.

Another great success is Fairfield Manufacturing. Just a few short years ago their future was uncertain, but through the efforts of management and labor working together they have turned things around. Since 2004, they have hired 391 employees with 104 of them in 2006 alone.

It is important that we look at all aspects of economic development, including retail investments. It has been said that the number one entertainment activity is retail shopping and the Lafayette Pavilions project delivers. This 230,000 square foot multi-phase, \$30 million dollar project has been a tremendous success. Numerous retailers, most new to Lafayette and many new to Indiana are located there. Additionally, the City of Lafayette, using its Tax Increment Financing, was able to leverage this investment to include significant road and traffic improvements at the intersection of Creasy Lane and State Road 26 including Fortune Drive. This entire project was paid for without using any existing taxes, but rather with new taxes gained from the development that would not have been otherwise available.

2006 presented other challenges and opportunities. Lafayette can boast of investments in excess of \$380 million in two state-of-the-art hospitals currently under construction, one by Greater Lafayette Health Services and the other a partnership between Clarian Health and Arnett. However, this is not without its challenges. Greater Lafayette Health Services will be vacating portions of their facilities at the St Elizabeth and Home Hospital campuses.

Because of their strategic importance to our community and city center, my administration and I knew it would be necessary to create a Community Task Force in partnership with Greater Lafayette Health Services, our neighborhoods, and more than 60 community leaders to find ways to turn this challenge into an opportunity.

Though we are early in the process and have a long road ahead, I applaud the can-do spirit of our neighborhood leaders, business and community leaders, and the Sisters of St. Francis in addressing this challenge.

Large corporations like SIA and Caterpillar are important to our economy, but just as important are our small businesses. One example is the Kirby Risk Corporation, owned by Lafayette native Jim Risk. This company is an important supplier to Wabash National, Caterpillar, SIA, and likely Toyota. Through our tax abatement program that phases in the taxes on new investment, the City of Lafayette is helping to facilitate an expansion to double the size of their facility and add at least 20 new jobs. This homegrown company, where its owners and employees have been involved in numerous community projects and philanthropic efforts, is using local contractors and local financing to demonstrate its commitment to the Lafayette community.

Another measure of our success regarding economic development is the vibrancy and stability of our downtown, and it was an exciting year for downtown Lafayette, the heart of our city. Main Street boasts many new shops and businesses, more than 12 in the past year. Downtown remains a destination for every taste as we use various tools

such as our Riverfront Development District and the Lafayette Urban Enterprise Zone to encourage business development. The City of Lafayette was honored as one of the outstanding public-private partnerships for our streetscape model block on Columbia Street by the Indiana Main Street program. For 2007, we plan to continue these improvements.

Living downtown has reached a new level. According to the Area Plan Commission, we now have over 150 units of owner-occupied condominium housing in downtown in such new and renovated buildings as the Cracker Factory, the Ball Building, the Shultz-Walagmuth Building, and Renaissance Place, which is also the new home to Lafayette Bank and Trust and others. All together more than \$21 million was invested in downtown in 2006.

Achieving these successes and becoming more competitive takes a coordinated team effort from every aspect of the community. This is why my administration, my government colleagues in West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County along with Purdue University found it imperative to move to the next level of economic development. To achieve this, we launched the Lafayette-West Lafayette Development Corporation in May of 2006—a consolidation of six community and economic development organizations that include: the Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Corporation, the Greater Lafayette Community Development Corporation, Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association, Downtown Business Center, and Vision 2020. This combined entity will bring together community marketing, business and real estate financing, business attraction and expansion programs, downtown development, and community planning.

Lafayette's neighborhoods and their success are also important to our economic development success. Our neighborhoods remain strong and vital. Our community has more than 18 active and involved neighborhood associations dedicated to making their community better. This year I am proud to welcome the newest resident led association, the Wabash Avenue Neighborhood Association. We must continue to aggressively support our core neighborhoods, empowering our residents to take control of their destiny by providing technical assistance, financial resources, and strategic partnerships. We have worked aggressively on sidewalk and curb projects, handicap ramps, drainage, and lighting issues among others.

The pride our residents take in their homes and neighborhoods is outstanding. I cannot tell you how many times business leaders and visitors from outside of the community comment on how clean and attractive our City is. With our Chamber of Commerce, we choose to recognize our citizens and their efforts through the Nominate Your Neighbor program—a new initiative kicked off in May of 2006. The program was created to recognize residential property owners for their hard work in maintaining their properties in an attractive manner. Nominated residents received award certificates and had award signs posted in their lawns. Both those nominated and the neighbors that made the nominations were honored at a celebration at the Lafayette Theater at the end of the summer. More than 230 property owners were honored.

It is a reality that tough issues must be confronted and for the good of the entire community the necessary steps must be taken. The Lafayette Hearing Authority was created for that very purpose. It is important to address properties that are unsafe or quite simply that are detrimental to the quality of life that neighborhood residents are trying to improve. The Hearing Authority reviews these properties, and working with the owners, creates a timeline and a specific set of guidelines to either bring the properties up to standards that contribute to the neighborhood and address code violations, or the properties can face demolition.

Working with the engineers' office and our neighborhood associations, 81 properties are now on the list. The first three properties we tackled have been outstanding success stories. We understand there may be some individuals who are in difficult circumstances and truly need a hand up. Knowing that, we have engaged our faith-based community to help in those situations. We believe this program is off to a positive start and holds great promise. With all of this, our community's commitment to economic and community development did not go unnoticed nationally. Lafayette/West Lafayette earned the highest rating from Expansion Management magazine in its 4th annual Mayor's Challenge Ranking of the Best Places in the U.S. to Locate a Company. Considered the gold standard for cities, the five-star ranking was achieved because of high marks for education, healthcare costs, quality of life, logistics, knowledge workers, and legislative business climate. The prestigious ranking was awarded to the top 20 percent of 362 metro areas nationwide. We were ranked right alongside the cities of Austin, Raleigh, Boston, and San Jose. I am proud of our city team and all of the residents of Lafayette.

We continue our unwavering commitment to public safety. This commitment includes strong leadership in our police and fire departments, coupled with nationally recognized training, state of the art equipment, and technology. This year, the fire department launched the MSA accountability system becoming the first department in Indiana to put this system into operation. This is an electronic safety system that monitors our firefighters' air supply, air temperature, and movement. Also, the ISO department of Public Protection Classification conducted a field survey for the fire department that prompted a rise in the City's classification from a 5 to a 3.

The Lafayette Police Department (LPD) began its command development-training program for police administrators this year. These programs are 10-12 weeks in length and are designed to prepare and educate commanders at the rank of Lieutenant and above for strategic planning and senior command level assignments. The Lafayette Police Department recently had two commanders complete the program. The goal is to have all commanders of Lieutenant and above attend.

The LPD continued to work with Purdue University's Computer Science Department. Their work with computer crimes has led to arrests of persons preying on our youth, and has been instrumental in expanding the Police Department's knowledge of computer forensics. Purdue's Engineering Program in Community Service is exploring ways that engineers can assist in future crime investigation techniques.

Lafayette Police also added a fourth K-9 to police service. The K-9s have quickly become an integral part of police patrol techniques and drug interdiction.

In these times, addressing issues of public safety requires a coordinated sustainable effort that is community based and we are doing just that.

For 2007, we are undertaking a Weed and Seed initiative. Weed and Seed takes a two-pronged approach to crime control and prevention: Law enforcement, prosecutors, and courts cooperate in "weeding out" criminal offenders, and nonprofit agencies work together to "seed" the community with crime-preventive and beneficial programs and services. Led by Superior Court Judge Don Johnson with assistance from Professor JoAnn Miller of Purdue University, many new and exciting programs are being planned. Professor Miller is also writing numerous grants to the U.S. Department of Justice and others to provide financial support for these initiatives. Regardless of the outcomes of the grant applications that are competitive and never certain, we are finding new ways now to better address safety concerns and create new partnerships to help deter criminal behavior.

To be a leader in business development, environmental protection, and quality of life, you must continually improve your infrastructure.

As we speak here tonight, the Pearl River lift station is under construction, which will help our capacity and help protect the Wabash River. The Ross Road lift station is also under construction supporting the Toyota expansion and allowing other economic development opportunities. The Lafayette Urban Railway utility extension is progressing and the first phase of the Elliott Ditch replacement is complete with the second phase under way. We will soon be starting our tunnel project through downtown making us a leader for communities our size in dealing with sewage overflows.

The City of Lafayette took a major step forward in 2006 towards preventing future sewer collapses and in minimizing odors from one of its major wastewater pumping stations with the addition of a new technology from Europe. A chemical feed system was installed utilizing the chemical "odorflo" which is injected directly into the waste stream in small dosages. This chemical specifically neutralizes sulfide compounds therefore reducing a potentially harmful hydrogen sulfide gas. Lafayette was the first major installation of "odorflo" in the US.

We have also been aggressively pursuing traffic issues. We have completed the Greenbush Street reconstruction, Park East Boulevard, Brady Lane, and an extremely important improvement of the intersection of 26 East and Creasy Lane. In addition, we rebuilt the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> & Kossuth using Hazard Elimination Safety funds, making it the first of its kind in our community.

Additionally, to help keep the traffic flowing and reduce commute times, we retimed 20 signals in the Downtown area and 15 other signals throughout Lafayette, including significant improvements at 9th and Teal Rd. We are also pleased that we upgraded 6 City signals and 5 additional signals are either new or replaced.

We continue to take great pride in our city services. These very important basic services such as street and sanitation, water, water pollution control, parks and recreation, and engineering help to form the foundation of our community. We are doing more with less and we are continually improving our efficiency. These services play an important role in the quality of life for our citizens. We continually strive to improve our customer service, to bring more value to our services, and to ensure the most efficient use of our resources. Departmental cooperation is at an all time high, and because of this, our citizens have benefited.

Increasing public access and participation in local government was one of my number one goals upon taking office, and our Information Technology Department has delivered. In 2006, we redesigned our City Website for greater public access for local users and those visiting Lafayette for the first time. The new website features expanded search capabilities, various calendars, links to government departments, and related new items. The new site is easier to navigate using three major groupings with each department now having the ability to update their own content. Streaming live audio of City Council and Board of Public Works meetings via our website are now also available. This provides greater access to City government by allowing anyone to listen to meetings anywhere they have Internet access. And with all of this, the Information Technology department achieved a \$50,000 reduction for their 2007 telecommunications spending as a result of the use of fiber optics. Quite simply, it is a huge savings that will continue year after year.

Our Parks Department is moving progressively forward. In the past three years we have completed Hanna, Arlington, and Darby Parks with Centennial Park now under construction and we are assisting with Triangle Park. These parks are extremely important to our residents and help revitalize and strengthen our neighborhoods. In addition, we completed the concession, restroom, and parking lot expansion at CAT Park. The zoo project is off to a great start with the help of many generous donors making it a true public-private partnership.

The spirit of cooperation is alive and well in the City of Lafayette, from the exceptional relationships between city departments who work together to ensure outstanding service for our citizens to the public-private partnerships we have developed to improve infrastructure, create business opportunities, build our city parks, and promote the common good. And even partnerships and cooperation across governmental jurisdictions. We now engage in joint

purchasing with Tippecanoe County. We purchased health insurance with the City of West Lafayette making history by being the first two municipal governments to do so. We have focused on progress without forgetting about people. We have forged relationships and found common ground. We have developed strong relationships with Purdue University and Ivy Tech Community College. The importance of these relationships cannot be underscored enough as we look to stimulate the local economy, develop the work force of the future, and market our community around the world and compete in the global economy. We have made a commitment to be supportive of all our Veterans past and present. Riehle Plaza is now the home of a beautiful monument honoring our Purple Heart Veterans.

I would like to thank all of our city employees who have worked hard and stayed positive through our difficult financial times. I also want to thank them for their commitment to our community. Through various activities our city employees have raised money throughout 2006 and donated to different agencies in our community. Park employees have also started a Chili cook-off to help raise money for the lagoon restoration project and the Street Sanitation and Fleet Maintenance departments helped out a family in need during Christmas Time. for all of this I publicly say thank-you.

I am also proud to say we have developed a strong relationship with our faith-based community. We believe in lifting people up. We believe in partnering to find long-term solutions to improve the quality of life for our citizens. It takes everyone working together, business, labor, public-private sectors, social service agencies, education, healthcare, and all of our citizens. We strive everyday to help create and stimulate an environment that allows those synergies to happen.

We are writing the history of our generation, changing events for the better, and achieving greatness in our own way. I thank everyone and I am proud and humbled to be your Mayor.(applause from the audience)

There was no Miscellaneous or New Business.

There were no Reports by Councilmen.

There was no Public Comment.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Campbell moved to adjourn, Councilman Klinker seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.  
Minutes prepared by Cindy Murray, City Clerk

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